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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant is submitting Replacement formal drawings with Figures 1-13. No new matter has been added.

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REMARKS

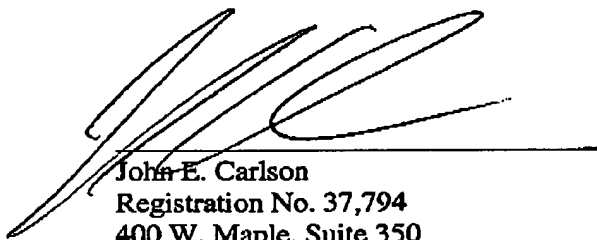
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9, 11-15 and 17 as anticipated by Lesgourgues (4,507,051). Lesgourgues is a turbine blade, not a fan blade as claimed. The "hollow fan blade" term in the preamble of independent claims 1 and 11 is not just intended use but is necessary to give meaning to the claims. One of skill in the art would distinguish a turbine blade from a fan blade. Thus, the Examiner must give weight to the "fan blade" limitation in the claims, which distinguishes the Lesgourgues reference.

Claim 8, which claims a turbine engine, has been amended to recite the turbine blades, thus further distinguishing the fan blades from the turbine blades.

Claim 11 has been amended to clarify "deforming" instead of just "forming." Lesgourgues does not disclose deforming the turbine blade. Additionally, claim 11 recites "hollow fan blade" not just in the preamble, but in the body of the claim, thus distinguishing Lesgourgues.

Please charge \$200 for four claims in excess of 20 to Deposit Account 50-1482 for four additional claims. If any additional fees or extensions are ever due, please charge Deposit Account 50-1482.

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